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Mrs. Hazel G. Oliver  
Director of Registration

Dear Madam:

I am presenting herewith the report of the Board of Registration in Nursing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 to which you will find attached the statistical report prepared by the Registrar.

The Board has held six regular meetings and one special meeting for the purpose of conducting the usual work of the Board. In addition, certain members of the Board have met separately to review proposed new examinations.

1. Eight licensing examinations for registered nurses and five for licensed practical nurses were given and proctored by Board members.  
(See attached statistical report for details.)
2. Three hearings were held.
3. Two registered nurse certificates were suspended and fourteen were revoked for not meeting citizenship requirements.
4. Two practical nurse certificates were revoked for not meeting citizenship requirements.
5. Two registered nurses were reinstated.

During this fiscal period three changes occurred in the Board membership. The deaths of Miss Rosemary Conroy and Dr. John M. Flynn were keenly felt by the Board. Both had made valuable contributions as members. New members were appointed by the Governor as follows.

Mrs. Evangeline Morris, Director of the Simmons College School of Nursing to succeed Miss Conroy; Dr. Lyman Hoyt to succeed Dr. Flynn; and Miss Myrtice Fuller, Director of Nursing, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, to succeed Miss Rita Kelleher whose term expired in October. Miss Kelleher's contributions, both as a member and as chairman of the Board, were outstanding.

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The Chairman of the Board was a member of the Governor's Commission to Study the Shortage of Nurses in Massachusetts. The Commission's report which was filed in May of 1957 carries several recommendations which should be of special concern both to the Board of Registration in Nursing and to the Approving Authority.

The members of the Board commend the Registrar and the Clerical Staff for their contribution in furthering the work of the Board. They carry an extremely heavy burden of responsibility in a physical environment which is inadequate to say the least.

The Board recommends that more adequate office space and additional clerical personnel be provided in order that this Board may function at a higher level of efficiency.

L. Florence Flores  
FLORENCE FLORES,  
Chairman

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1956 to JUNE 30, 1957

NURSES EXAMINATIONS

Examinations last two days each and consist of five test periods.

July 1956 1 Session	<u>No. examined</u> 141	<u>Passed</u> 113	<u>Rejected</u> 28	<u>Absentees</u> 32
Fall Examinations 5 Sessions Oct.-Nov. 1956	1496	1395	101	38
March 1, 1957 (Repeaters only)	78	39	39	16
May 14, & 15, 1957	234	160	74	21
TOTALS	1949 (including repeaters)	1707*	242	97

(includes 54  
from out-of-  
state and 21  
out of country)\*

8 Examinations 16 days 40 test periods

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Resumé

Since 1910 a total of 68,331 nurses have been originally registered by waiver, examinations and reciprocity.

Total R.N.

1 yr - Waiver period 1910 - 1911 (without examination)	5280
30 yrs - Period 1911 - 1941 (Aug.)	31941
17 yrs - Period 1941 - 1957 (June 30)	<u>31110</u>
Total	68331



FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1956 to JUNE 30, 1957

PRACTICAL NURSES

Examinations last one day and consist of two periods.

December Examinations 11-12-13, 1956 ( 3 sessions - 3 days 6 periods)	Total examined from approved schools Sec. 74A Chapter 112 of Gen.Law as amended	Total examined under Chapter 371, Acts of 1956. All first time examined.(No repeaters)	Absentees
	173 (includes 8 repeaters and one from Md.	303	14
March 29, 1957 (1 session)	16 ( includes 6 repeaters)	32 (includes 8 repeaters	15
June 7, 1957 ( 1 session)	224 ( includes 4 repeaters)	39 ( includes 2 repeaters)	

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TOTALS

5 Examinations, 5 days or sessions, 10 periods	413 (includes 18 Repeaters)	374 (includes 10 repeaters)	41
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TOTAL Examined 787

PASSED

December 1956	453 of which 163 from approved schools.
March 1957	39 of which 16 from approved schools.
June 1957	<u>258 of which 220 from approved schools.</u>

TOTALS	750 of which 399 from approved schools.
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Resumé since 1941 ( 16 year period)

Total originally licensed by waiver period 1941 - 1942  
(without examination)

1782

Total originally licensed by examination limited  
waiver period 1942 - 1944  
(included some from approved schools

3 years

(2438)

656

Total originally licensed by examination and by  
reciprocity period 1944 - 1957 (13 years)  
(includes graduates of approved schools  
1944 - 1956  
includes graduates of approved schools  
1956 - 1957

13 years

(3252)

3251

Candidates qualifying under Chapter 371,  
Acts of 1956\*

\*Total of 383 under Chapter 371, Acts of 1956

TOTAL

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5689



FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1956 to JUNE 30, 1957

Total without examination  
R.N. (390)

Alabama	3
Arizona	1
California	8
Colorado	3
Connecticut	62
District of Columbia	11
Georgia	2
Illinois	13
Indiana	5
Kansas	2
Louisiana	3
Maine	19
Maryland	7
Michigan	9
Minnesota	7
Missouri	3
Montana	1
Nebraska	2
New Hampshire	46
New Jersey	9
New York	64
North Carolina	4
North Dakota	1
Ohio	11
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	28
Rhode Island	27
South Dakota	1
Tennessee	1
Utah	1
Vermont	19
Virginia	4
Washington	1
West Virginia	1
Wisconsin	6
Nova Scotia	4

Total without examination  
L.P.N. (5)

Connecticut	#18
Maine	#22
Maryland	#21
Virginia	#20
Wisconsin	#19



RENEWALS ISSUED FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1956 to JUNE 30, 1957  
(For fee of \$1.00 each)

R.N.'S	L.P.N.'S	TOTAL
45,706	3664	49,370

CERTIFIED STATEMENTS FOR OTHER BOARDS FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1956 to JUNE 30, 1957  
(Fee of \$2.00 each)

R.N.'S	L.P.N.'S	TOTAL
1082 c.s.	75	1157

N.B. Since January 1957 I B M Section issues renewal certificates and sends out renewal notices for both R.N. and L.P.N. However, the office of the Board still handles all monies and performs all detail relating thereto: bookkeeping, deposits, refunds, correspondence, corrections, etc.